(c) the number of students/persons benefited from each educational scheme during these two years, year-wise and scheme-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) The proceeds of Education Cess, credited into a non-lapsable fund called Prarambhik Shiksha Kosh (PSK), are utilized exclusively for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme of the Government. Expenditure on SSA and MDM is financed from PSK each year after the funds provided by way of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS) are fully utilized. Allocations to States are not made separately against the Education Cess. Assistance to States is released as per the schematic pattern and budgetary allocations for SSA and MDM.

Central Assistance to Karnataka and State share contributed by Karnataka under SSA and MDM schemes is given below:

(Rs. In lakhs)

year	SSA including NPEGEL*		MDM	
	GOI releases	State share	GOI releases	State contribution
2005-06	28303.780	14401.652	14726.33	No minimum mandatory state share prescribed.
2006-07	54206.985	16031.958	24746.02	Rs. 25347.00 lakhs @ Rs. 1.66 per child/ school day
2007-08	17700.00 (17-8-2007)	#34393.845	9513.14	Budget provision of Rs. 33017.40 lakhs which includes contribution to cover children in classes I-VII

* National Programme for Education of Girls at Elementary Level

\# Provision earmarked in State Budget

(c) Number of students/children benefited under SSA, NPEGEL & MDM Schemes is as under:

Year	SSA	NPEGEL	MDM
2005-06	86,44,069	14,01,541	49,62,764
2006-07	87,21,648	11,90,336	46,53,694

Fees for higher education

773. DR. P.C. ALEXANDER: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has been decided to increase the tuition fees for higher education at a uniform rate for all the students, irrespective of the income of their parents; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider introducing a graded scheme of tuition fees, based on the levels of income of the parents, instead of a uniform rate for all the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) No such decision has been taken, as the fee structure in universities/colleges is determined by the concerned universities/State Governments. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has, however, constituted an Expert Committee to prepare draft Regulations for Admissions and Fee structure in Universities and Colleges.

Scholarships under Single Girl Child Scheme

†774. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether girls are being given scholarships at school and college level under the Single Girl Child scheme;

(b) if so, the detatls of funds provided since implementation of this scheme till date, State-wise;

(c) the parameters set for providing the funds under this Scheme; and

(d) whether the number of girl students has increased due to this Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) provides scholarships to girls who are the only children of their parents and who obtain at least 60 % marks in the class X and class XII examinations conducted by it.

In addition to the above, CBSE provides scholarships to the single girl children whose names appear in the merit list of All India Engineering Entrance Examinations (AIEEE) and All India Pre-Medical Test (AIPMT) conducted by CBSE.

University Grants Commission (UGC) has introduced a post-graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl children from the year 2005-06 with the objective of supporting post graduate education in non professional courses only.

(b) The State/UT-wise details of funds provided by UGC upto 30th July, 2007 are given in Statement (*See* below). CBSE provides scholarships on all India basis and it has distributed scholarships amounting to Rs. 77.88 lakh in 2005 and Rs. 211.92 lakh in 2006.

(c) CBSE awards scholarships to all Single Girl Students who have secured 60% or more marks in CBSE Class X and Class XII examinations.

UGC awards scholarships to Single Girl Children who have taken admission in regular full time first-year Masters Degree Courses in any recognized University or Post graduate College with age not being more than 30 years at the time of admission in PG 1st year Course.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.